



INTERNATIONAL
CHILDREN'S
HOSPITALS



HOSPITAL ACTIVITY FOR REPORTING PERIOD



12,244

People Reached
with the Gospel



21,935

Patient Visits



2,539

Surgical Procedures

Reporting Period:

January -December
2022

Location:

Beit CURE Children's
Hospital of Zambia

thank you

CURE International UK, would like to thank you for your generous support of Rosemary's Children's Fund at the Beit CURE Children's Hospital of Zambia.

You kind donations have touched the lives of hundreds of children, and their family members in 2022.

Thanks to you, families who could not afford the costs associated with finding healthcare for their child, were not denied our services.

This means that hundred's of children were able to receive free world class surgical and rehabilitative care at CURE Zambia, because of Rosemary's Children's Fund.

Thank you for your support and thank you for playing such a big part in these children's stories of healing.

cure zambia

ABOUT THE BEIT CURE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ZAMBIA

Established in 2006, CURE Zambia performs over 2,000 life-changing reconstructive, orthopedic, ENT, and audiological surgeries each year for children suffering from treatable disabilities. Strategically located in Lusaka, the teaching hospital comprises six buildings, 54 beds, and three operating theatres. In addition to world-class clinical service, CURE Zambia ministers to the emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their communities. The Beit Trust, a UK-based charity, provided the funding for this facility as a centennial gift to the people of Zambia. CURE Zambia is a strategic partner with the Ministry of Health.

CURE Zambia is the only hospital of its size in the country meeting the diverse orthopaedic and ENT needs of children from nearly every region in the country.

Zambia only has 10 physicians per 100,000 people. In contrast, the United Kingdom has 580 per 100,000 people.

Three out of four Zambians still live in extreme poverty.



hospital highlights 2022



a new orthopaedic surgeon

- ▶ In alignment with its strategic plan CURE Zambia will in FY23 increase the number of targeted surgeries from 46 to 58 surgeries per week. Consequently, CURE Zambia has employed a third orthopedic surgeon to support the hospital in effectively delivering quality health care as we increase the number of surgeries. Dr. Shawa has vast experience and joins us from the government referral hospital. He is particularly excited about how CURE incorporates the Christian faith in the management of patients.



mobile clinics

- ▶ In 2022, CURE Zambia's outreach team carried out 52 mobile clinic days, providing 4,123 patient assessments for patients in isolated and impoverished areas. This led to 686 children being referred to CURE Zambia for free corrective surgical treatment.



theology of disability

- ▶ Earnest Kioko, CURE International's senior spiritual director, conducted the theology of disability training with the CURE Zambia co-workers and local pastors. The training aims at showing co-workers and pastors how God views disability and how we fit into the big picture of disability. After the training, participants were awarded certificates.



cleft lip and palate week

- ▶ November saw the return of Dr. Podda and the team to conduct cleft lip and Cleft palate surgeries. The surgical camp began with a significant clinic held on Sunday. Dr. Podda and the team managed to conduct 53 surgeries to correct cleft lips, cleft palates and a few lip revisions.



20,000 admissions

- ▶ In August 2022, CURE Zambia hit a major milestone of 20,000 admissions since its inception in 2006. The milestone reflects how CURE Zambia has been helping house kids with correctable conditions that come with surgical procedures.

rosemary's children's fund

HARDSHIP FUND FOR PATIENTS WHO NEED EXTRA SUPPORT

No child should have to suffer a treatable disability because of their geography or income level. While we celebrate that CURE Children's Hospital of Zambia (CURE Zambia) was able to provide life-changing care for record numbers of children and families in 2022, we also recognise the challenge that remains.

Conservative estimates project that more than 492,000 **Zambian children are suffering from a variety of treatable conditions** like clubfoot, bowed legs, burn contractures, and cleft lips and palates—and they are waiting for care. Zambia's healthcare system, however, is notably lacking in terms of both access to healthcare and the quality of healthcare provided, ranking 182nd of 195 countries measured in a 2018 performance analysis published by *The Lancet*.

Access to healthcare is a basic human right, which many children in Zambia are being deprived of, and which has a detrimental effect on their life chances, e.g. a January 2022 **UNICEF report states that children with disabilities are 49% more likely to have never attended school.**

Rosemary's Children's Fund is a discretionary hardship fund **used to help patients and their families who need additional support to access CURE Zambia's life-changing healthcare services.**

This can be anything from additional medicines, new shoes or clothing, money for food and accommodation, but overwhelmingly, the fund is used for transport costs. The travel costs of

reaching and returning from CURE Zambia can stop families seeking treatment for their child, meaning they continue to live with their disability.

Funding the transport costs for patients and families who are under particular hardships, **directly contributes to the relief of that child's disability in providing access to free corrective treatment.** It will prevent families from being pushed further into poverty in order to pay transport costs. Furthermore, once a child is healed, they may return to school, gain an education, equipping them to become more self-sustainable in the future.



patient stories

QUEEN

"I wasn't happy when I saw her feet because you could tell they were bending," Queen's grandmother, Janet, shared. "She can't walk straight because her feet always make her so unstable," she further explained.

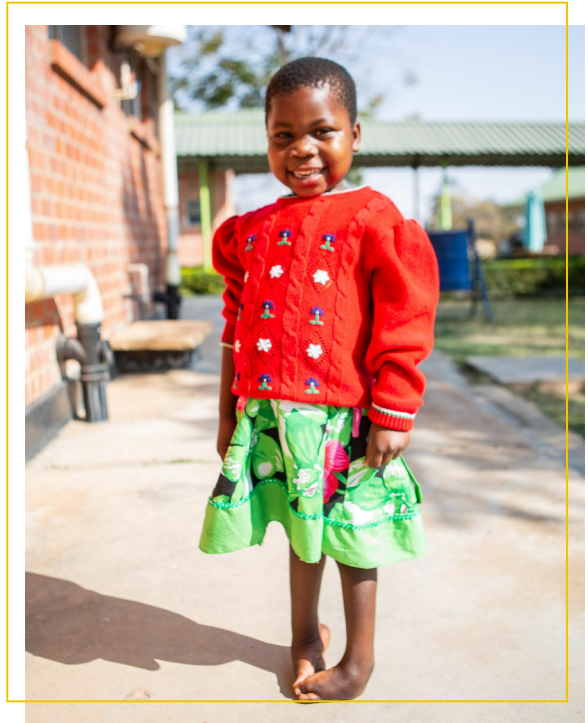
Six-year-old Queen was born with clubfoot, a condition characterized by an inward curvature of the feet. Those affected by clubfoot experience pain, discomfort, and difficulty walking, often preventing access to education, employment, and overall social inclusion. If not treated, Queen's condition could become permanent, forcing her to walk on her ankles for the rest of her life.

Not only that, but Queen would have to deal with being the odd one out amongst her peers. In Zambia, societal survival is often built on inclusion and conformity. Having a disability is a dangerous position to be in.

"Unfortunately, when she walks, she usually falls. Also, she can not carry anything heavy as she would sway dangerously and eventually fall," Janet shared.

But, thanks to supporters like you, Queen was able to finally receive life-changing surgery! As opposed to most kids, Queen was very excited to go to O.R and didn't even complain about being hungry (kids have to fast for several hours before going to surgery). She was fourth on the surgery list, and once she got into the O.R., Dr. Moyo operated on both her feet. On the left foot, her tendons were transferred to help pull her foot straight. On her right foot, Dr. Moyo moved her Achilles tendon to a better position which also helped that foot straighten. To end things, a cast was put on to help keep her feet in the proper positions for healing!

We are delighted to be able to serve kids like Queen, who is here with her grandmother, Janet. "I'm 52 years, and this is my first time coming to the capital city of Zambia. Where we come from, CURE Zambia is very popular because many kids have been served here," Janet shared.



Queen before treatment



Queen after treatment standing with newly straightened feet!

patient stories

DANNY

"Due to how people laughed at him, I almost reached the extent of hiding him in the house away from people laughing at him," shared Danny's mother, Plexidus.

We were so thrilled to meet up with Daniel who calls himself Danny. Danny is an energetic six-year-old who is a lot of fun to be around. We were also thrilled with how intelligent and inquisitive he is.

Our new friend Danny was born with bowed legs. "I was told that the weight was causing the bent legs, however, the condition would improve as he grew. When he was five years old the doctors confirmed that he had severely bowed legs," said Plexidus. Bowed legs is a condition in which the knees curve outwardly. This condition has set Danny apart from other kids in how he looks. According to his mother, they have never had anyone with a bowed leg in their village. As a result of his condition, Danny hasn't started school yet because school is too far to walk. Also, people laughing and making fun of Danny has taken a negative emotional toll on both Danny and Plexidus.

Dr. Moyo decided that he would start with the right leg then operate on the other one later. This was done so that Daniel can still be able to walk with a cast on. Dr. Moyo straightened the leg by cutting small pieces of bone in the knee area and that helped align the leg. Furthermore, to keep his leg in the correct position, we placed a cast to offer support. A few days later, Danny had his second operation and was given a pair of crutches for his recovery.

After some time healing back at home, Danny came back to CURE Zambia to have his casts removed and to start his physiotherapy! His physio sessions we're important for him to build up the muscles in his newly straightened legs, so he can use them to walk properly and prevent his legs from relapsing.

Danny is healed, and he looks happier than ever! His legs are straight, and this is all thanks to your prayers and financial support.

Thank you



Danny before treatment



Danny after treatment standing with newly straightened legs!



LIVES CHANGED FOREVER

Healing happens at CURE because of strategic partners like you. Since opening our first hospital in 1998, CURE has ministered to the needs of patients and families during more than 5,300,000 patient visits and over 300,000 surgical procedures through our hospitals and health programmes around the world. Through our CURE Neuro program, surgeons trained by CURE have performed more than 21,000 procedures to heal children with life-threatening neurological conditions like hydrocephalus and spina bifida.

While we celebrate the successes and the lives that have been impacted over the past 25 years, we also recognise the challenge that remains. Millions of children living with disabilities are still waiting. Together, we can end the wait—and they will be able to leave our hospitals walking, running, smiling, and knowing that they are LOVED. **On behalf of the thousands of children and families you have helped us serve, thank you for your engagement in this mission.**